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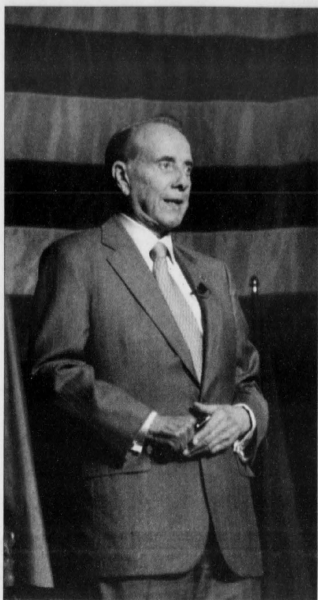
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Dole, McGovern debate election

Former presidential nominees discuss qualifications of Bush, Kerry for office



Mark Bennett / Assistant Photo Editor
Former Sen. Bob Dole said President Bush displays higher levels of leadership than Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry.

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With the presidential election just 28 days away, it was no surprise that it became the central topic of debate between former Sens. Bob Dole and George McGovern at the fifth annual Northern Kentucky University Alumni Lecture Series Oct. 5.

Dole, the Republican presidential nominee in 1996, and McGovern, the Democratic presidential nominee in 1972, have unsuccessfully run for office. They both agree on the importance of the upcoming election.

"I have a favorite candidate (and) Senator McGovern has a favorite candidate," Dole said to the crowd in Regents Hall. This was made clear throughout the course of the debate, as each speaker defended his respective party's presidential nominee.

"It's a very close race," Dole said.

McGovern agreed: "If there's anything uncertain in our lives, it's the outcome of a presidential election."

There was much discussion on foreign issues, such as the war in Iraq and the fight against terrorism. Dole said it is interesting how foreign policy is taking on a much bigger role in this year's presidential election than in years past.

McGovern said that while he believes terrorism is a major threat in our nation, it has been exaggerated to an unhealthy point.

"I don't think we ought to live with so much fear that we don't enjoy life,"

McGovern said.

He said he believes the Bush administration is on the "wrong track."

"I'd like to see a change in Washington and to give John Kerry and John Edwards a chance to see what they can do," McGovern said.

Dole later said that while Kerry should be proud of his service in the Vietnam War, "most Americans... are more concerned about what's going to happen 35 years from now than what happened 35 years ago." He said that President Bush offers better leadership in the White House than Kerry would.

Both speakers concurred that Kerry won the first presidential debate, but Dole said that it's not entirely about your debating skills, but also how you appear to the viewers.

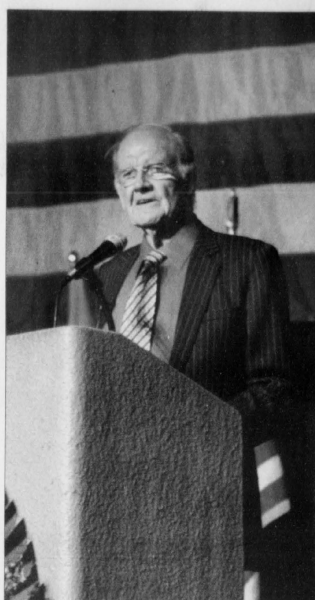
Although Dole and McGovern starkly disagreed on which candidate is best fit for the presidency, their close friendship allowed both of them to add humor to the event.

"If Bush and Kerry screw up this election, I think Bob and I are going to run," McGovern said.

"I hope I'm as crisp and energetic as (Dole and McGovern) when I'm 80," NKU President James Votruba said.

Votruba said the university was fortunate to have Dole and McGovern visit as speakers because they both offer a unique perspective to politics.

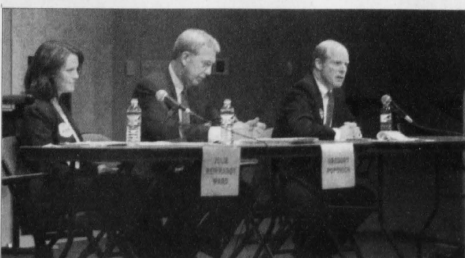
"Think about it—they have a vantage point that spans (Presidents) Roosevelt and Bush."



Mark Bennett / Assistant Photo Editor
Former Sen. George McGovern said the Bush administration is on the "wrong track" and said Sen. John Kerry would offer a positive change.

Candidates criticize opponents in forum

Campbell Co. Circuit Court Judge hopefuls present views on their competitors' credentials, experience



Mark Bennett / Assistant Photo Editor
Julie Reinhardt Ward, Gregory Popovich and Steven Franzen (from left) inform students of their qualifications.

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With Election Day nearing, politicians seeking office aren't holding any punches.

Three of the four Campbell Co. Circuit Judge candidates participated in a question in answer forum in Budig Theatre Oct. 4 that quickly turned into a debate.

The forum, sponsored by the Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement, consisted of attorney Steve Franzen, District Judge Gregory Popovich and current Circuit Judge Julie Reinhardt Ward, all Chase College of Law graduates. Charles Lester, the other candidate, was attending a funeral according to organizers.

The focus of the discussion was to inform students about why the Circuit Judge election is important, but instead turned into a way for the candidates to criticize their opponents.

Reinhardt Ward, a graduate of NKU, received criticism from both opponents for being appointed to her position by Gov. Ernie Fletcher. Franzen said there is no process by which a judge can be chosen based solely on merit, rather than who they know.

He said an election is "the only real process that we have to try to ensure that the right person gets the job, not the person who happens to have connections — or who is picked because they happen to know the right people."

Popovich said he did not apply for the circuit judge position

earlier this year, and if he had his 11 years as a judge would have made him a better candidate than Reinhardt Ward. He said Reinhardt Ward's short term as circuit judge does not make her the most qualified.

Reinhardt Ward said she has been doing a good job as circuit judge, and had she not been, the public would have been informed.

Franzen criticized both of his opponents for being comparatively inexperienced. He said Reinhardt Ward has never handled a jury or bench trial during her time as circuit judge, and that neither of the candidates have been city attorneys, county prosecutors or a Kentucky Supreme Court attorney.

Franzen said Popovich's position as district judge is

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New \$1.2 million planetarium in works

State-of-the-art facility will give students the opportunity to view motion in space from different points

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In the fall of 2005, Northern Kentucky University students will finally get the chance to gaze up at a Martian sky or stand on the sun and watch the planets orbit.

Though that may sound impossible, NKU will soon be home to a new \$1.2 million, state-of-the-art, digital planetarium which can simulate various scenarios.

This particular planetarium's digital technology allows students to see motion from different points in space and from different planets than earth.

"That's one thing that is special about this planetarium," said Dan Spence, NKU's planetarium coordinator. "Planetariums for years have been able to project stars and show some motion on the dome, but this planetarium can actually place the viewer at any point in that."

"So you could be out in space and be part of that motion. So you could sit on the sun and watch the planets go around, or you could land on the surface of Mars and see Mars around you and the moons overhead."

Because the planetarium is digital it also has other benefits. "Basically anything you can draw on a computer screen, it projects on a dome," Spence said.

This means "the state-of-the-art video planetarium/classroom will be capable of projecting not only stars, planets, constellations, and galaxies, but also video from NASA space missions, rendered artwork, streaming web content, and virtually any video source available," according to the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's Federal Agenda Infrastructure Investments 2002 report.

The primary function of the planetarium is to provide astronomy students with a visible representation of the concepts being taught to them. "It is very difficult to explain some concepts, some of the motions that occur in space, and it's a lot easier to do if you can place a

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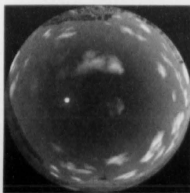


Photo contributed by Dan Spence
Images can be projected onto the dome.

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dpsreports

Oct. 4 - 9:56 a.m.
Classification: TRAFFIC - Vehicle Stop
Location: NUNN DRIVE AT UNIVERSITY DRIVE
Disposition: Closed
Summary: Officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration plates at the listed location. The driver was subsequently issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Registration.

Oct. 4 - 5:57 a.m.
Classification: ELEVATOR STUCK - People Inside
Location: OLD SCIENCE BUILDING
Disposition: Closed
Summary: A call was received from a subject stuck in an elevator at the listed location. An officer and Physical Plant personnel responded. The officer was able to open the elevator and allow the subject to exit. Physical Plant personnel checked the elevator and will contact elevator repair.

Oct. 3 - 3:30 p.m.
Classification: PROPERTY - Found/Recovered Property
Location: NORSE COMMONS
Disposition: Closed
Summary: A purse was found at the listed location. The owner was contacted to return the property.

These are the latest reports as of our print deadline. For a full listing visit the DPS Web site at <http://access.nku.edu/dps>

campusbriefs

Council talks to NKU officials about state funding

The Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce petitioned the Kentucky Council of Postsecondary Education for more funding last Wednesday, the Kentucky Post reported.

Officials gathered at Holmes High School in Covington to listen to the concerns about finance from about 150 interested Northern Kentuckians.

Complaints listed were that Northern Kentucky University is the youngest of the state's regional universities but receives the least amount of

funding.

The council was making a nine stop tour of Kentucky, meeting with citizens and other officials to understand more about the issues concerning higher education in the state, before making any new decisions.

The discussions primarily involved the cut state funding. Some examples given were the 150 students who had to be turned away from classes at Gateway Community and Technical College because the school did not have sufficient funds to employ the teachers, and the 16.4 percent and 16.7

percent tuition increases at NKU.

Martial arts program open to students

NKU is offering a martial arts based program which incorporates kickboxing, calisthenics, self-defense and other martial arts movements. At Cardio Spotlight, instructors teach basic techniques as well as movement, adding intensity as the classes progress. Beginners as well as experienced martial artists are welcome.

Professor will take pie to face to help cause

The Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society have organized a fundraiser in which a chemistry department faculty member will receive a pie in the face. Money collecting jars each assigned to each professor, have been placed in SC 204 F. The faculty member with the most money in her jar will be hit with a pie in the face. The funds will be used to support a trip to the spring annual meeting of the American Chemical Society.

nationalbriefs

Volcano erupts in Washington

Mount St. Helens National Monument vented the biggest plume of smoke Tuesday since the volcano began its greater activity.

A great cloud of steam and ash rose thousands of feet above the mountain's crest and drifted northeast several miles. The general rumblings and emissions have been a daily occurrence since Friday, along with a series of small earthquakes and volcanic tremors. Some experts say that because some of the material being vented came from several different vents indicates that there may be some volcanic activity. Scientist predict a bigger eruption, though they believe it will not be as large as the 1980 eruption which killed 57 people and covered much of Northwest in ash.

Surgeons remove organs of patient not brain dead

In western Colorado, two hospitals permitted vital organs to be removed from a man who the corner said was not brain dead. CNN reported. The corner ruled the death a homicide but said that the case should not be considered a criminal matter.

Montrose County Coroner Mark Young said that William Rardin's died because of the removal of organs by an organ recovery team. Young said that the two hospitals involved did not meet state guidelines or accepted medical standards. The patient, a 31-year-old man who had shot himself in the head earlier this month, had his heart, liver, pancreas and two kidneys removed before his death.

Officials with St. Mary's and the organization that coordinates organ donation in Colorado and Wyoming insisted the surgeons adhered to all the regulations and did nothing wrong.

Cheney, Edwards debate issues

By John McCormick
Chicago Tribune
(KRT)

CLEVELAND — Vice President Dick Cheney and Sen. John Edwards wrestled Oct. 5 over Iraq, the economy and taxes in their only one-on-one debate before the election.

But even as they perhaps demonstrated a greater command of detail than their bosses showed last week, the Washington veteran and savvy former trial lawyer also exhibited their ability to selectively interpret the facts.

Not unlike campaign trail rhetoric or political ad pitches, both vice presidential candidates at times oversimplified, exaggerated or simply ignored the larger context of a past statement or vote as they made their case to the voters.

One of the key disputes focused on whether Cheney has incorrectly suggested that there was a link between Saddam Hussein and the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States. "I have not suggested there's

a connection between Iraq and 9/11," Cheney said during the debate. "But there's clearly an established Iraq track record with terror."

That doesn't exactly mesh with what Cheney has said, or at least implied, on the campaign trail. There he often cites Saddam's "long-established" ties to al-Qaida — the terrorist organization responsible for the attacks — while mentioning the former dictator's production and use of chemical weapons, support for the families of suicide bombers and defiance of various U.N. resolutions.

Cheney's subtle assertion of a Sept. 11 link comes despite the findings of a bipartisan commission that investigated the attacks and said it found no evidence of a "collaborative relationship" between Saddam and the terrorist organization

led by Osama bin Laden. The commission's staff has said it found "no credible evidence" that Iraq had cooperated with al-Qaida in targeting the United States.

Following the theme of a political ad run by Sen. John Kerry's campaign, Edwards reminded voters of Cheney's ties to Halliburton Co., the giant oil services company under investigation for alleged overbilling in Iraq.

"We also thought it was wrong to have a \$20 billion fund out of which \$7.5 billion was going to go to a no-bid contract for Halliburton, the vice president's former company," Edwards said.

Cheney was the company's chief executive from 1995 through 2000, when he resigned the lucrative job to join the Republican ticket. But

Cheney hasn't gained financially from Halliburton's contracts in Iraq.

The two men also disagreed on whether the United States has incurred 90 percent of the cost of the war and 90 percent of the casualties, figures cited by Edwards.

Cheney countered that the 90 percent figure overstates the American losses because it does not include a significant number of deaths among Iraqi forces working with the coalition. But Edwards' figure is essentially accurate in the context of coalition casualties.

Edwards repeated a disputed figure mentioned by Kerry in last week's debate with President Bush. Both Kerry and Edwards suggested that \$200 billion has been spent in Iraq, but that amount includes what has been spent — about \$120 billion — as well as the projected cost through next summer.

Cheney suggested that Kerry has been inconsistent in his support of the war in Iraq.

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Othernews

Campuses struggle with minority admissions ruling

Various programs look to increase student diversity

By Jodi S. Cohen
Chicago Tribune
(KRT)

CHICAGO — Jessica Perlo arrived at Northwestern University two weeks early, one of 32 freshmen eager to get a jump-start on college by participating in writing workshops, campus tours and meetings with student organizations.

Launched during the Civil Rights movement, the orientation program was long reserved for minority students — not for whites such as Perlo, 18, who said she was lucky to get a chance to attend.

"Any other year, I wouldn't be here," said Perlo, Woodland Hills, Calif., one of the first non-minority students to participate in the 38-year-old Summer Academic Workshop.

"You get to know the campus early so when school starts, I'm not lost."

Throughout the country, schools such as Northwestern are opening up minority scholarships, fellowships, academic support programs and summer enrichment classes to students of any race.

The change follows last year's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that race can be considered in college admissions but only among other factors and that each candidate must be evaluated individually. That landmark 5-4 decision, hailed as a victory by college and university officials, preserved affirmative action admissions, but found unconstitutional a University of Michigan program that automatically gave extra points to African-American, Latino and American Indian applicants.

In what some now say is an unexpected erosion of affirmative action, colleges are exploring the ruling to mean they can no longer offer race-exclusive programs designed specifically to help minority students.

Critics of the trend to eliminate such programs argue that they remain constitutional because the court decision only addressed admissions. But some college officials, worried about potential lawsuits, are taking a different stance.

At Yale University in New

Haven, Conn., for example, an orientation program for minority freshmen, along with two research fellowships, has been opened to all students. Two undergraduate scholarships once restricted to minority students at the University of Michigan are offered to anyone who adds to "the overall excellence and diversity of the university community."

And at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a program for minority engineering students that provided internships, scholarships and tutoring was renamed and broadened to include non-minority students.

"Everybody has seen pretty clearly that the court is frowning on programs that are 100 percent race based," said Stephen Fischer, Northwestern's associate professor for undergraduate education. Of the students who participated in the university's early orientation program this year, five were white or Asian.

There is concern that including other groups in orientation programs will make it harder to create an early comfort zone for minority students, an original goal of the program, Fischer said. "There is a little bit of a loss in terms of social networking that can be accomplished," he said.

Elise Boddie, education director for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, disagrees that the court ruling requires universities to abandon minority-only programs. She worries that schools have begun to relinquish their support of affirmative action programs despite a shortage of affirmative action admissions policies before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Some Michigan programs will continue including speaking engagements and other outreach efforts at Detroit high schools aimed at African-American and Latino students. But officials continue to review and change the university's scholarships, recruiting efforts and academic support programs, said University of Michigan attorney Jonathan Alger.

"Nothing requires the

schools to get rid of those programs," said Jones, who wrote a legal brief to the Supreme Court in support of the University of Michigan. "However, you have to be willing to be sued, litigate it and spend a lot of money to win. And a lot of institutions aren't willing to do."

All of this is being hailed as good news by affirmative action critics such as the Center for Equal Opportunity in Virginia. Early last year, the conservative advocacy group began sending letters to about 100 colleges, threatening to file complaints with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights if their race-exclusive programs weren't changed.

"The point the court emphasized was individualized consideration," said Roger Clegg, the center's vice president and general counsel. "A program where a student is not allowed to participate for no other reason than skin color is not providing individualized consideration."

When programs are open to students of all races and ethnicities, the types of students who choose to participate may not change. At Yale University, a working orientation program that focused on racial and ethnic identity included non-minority students for the first time this summer, but only one of the 97 participants was white, said spokeswoman Gila Reinstein.

Many school administrators are looking to see what happens at the University of Michigan, which defended its undergraduate and law school affirmative action admissions policies before the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Planetarium

student in that environment," Spence said.

"Though, according to the NKCC report, the facility will offer other uses as well."

"This facility will also include geology uses (drifting continents, projected on the dome), biology (a tour through a beating heart), chemistry (molecules interacting), or any scientific or mathematical material that can be displayed as a high-resolution image or modeled in computer graphics."

The planetarium will also run multiple shows, the first entitled "Imagination Art and Science," Spence said the show will include "a brief history of science since the beginning of time — through people's experiences and their imaginations."

"We will actually take people to the various places," Spence said. "Now we have some sections done now in a

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primal forest and also being in Chaco Canyon, New Mexico and being able to see the surroundings out there and where the Indians were actually learning to study the sky. We'll actually take you there and show you what it's like." Spence is also working on integrating real images into the digital projection to make the planetarium experience unique.

"Whenever possible, the actual places like the rocks or mountains will be the real thing superimposed into the computer graphics, so it won't just be... like video games, it will be more real," Spence said.

The planetarium will also house a community outreach program where local students will be able to come in experience planetarium and the shows.

Construction starts in May, and it is hoped that it will be finished by the fall of 2005.

Franzen defended himself against attacks from his opponents about zero tolerance for frivolous lawsuits being unethical. "I'm bound by law to throw out frivolous lawsuits," he said. "This is not a frivolous system; it's an important legal system in which people's rights are at stake."

Reinhardt Ward disagreed. "We are not supposed to tell you that we have zero tolerance for frivolous lawsuits," she said.

"That implies that we have a predetermined disposition of that case, and that's not what a judge does. A judge is supposed to be fair and impartial,"

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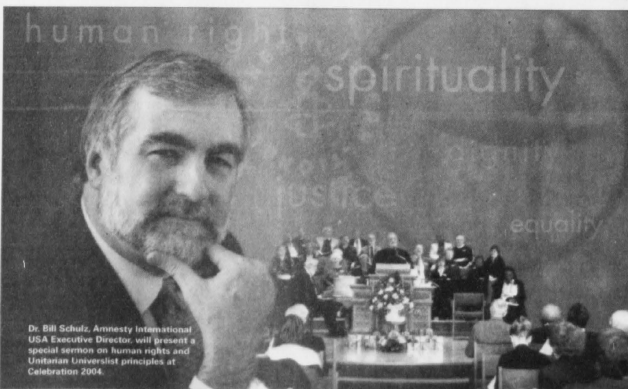
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incomparable to a circuit judge because the district court handles less important cases than the circuit court.

"You all have been down to district court," Franzen said, "for speeding tickets, DUIs, things like that. We're talking about circuit court, where cases can sometimes last a month."

"A judge needs more experience than the attorneys and litigants."

Papevich cited his experience as a judge in helping him keep his opinions out of court decisions. He accused attorneys of stretching the ethical limits of the law and that a judge is being elected, not an attorney.



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Newsletters 'Bad judgment' allowed erroneous article to be published

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For those who followed the Presidential debate commentary, you might be familiar with Sen. John Kerry talking about his great nails and cuticles and how he's a metrosexual.

Or are you?
According to Joshua Mich Marshall's "Talking Points Memo" Web site (www.talkingpointsmemo.com), FoxNews.com published an article Oct. 1 in which Sen. Kerry was quoted as saying, "Didn't my nails and cuticles look great? What a good debate?" and "Women should like me! I do manicures" and "I'm metrosexual — he's a cowboy (in reference to President Bush)."

This article was written by Carl Cameron, who, according to Marshall, is referred to as Fox's "chief political correspondent" by Fox spokesman Paul Schur.
FoxNews.com removed the

article and published an apology later that day that reads: "Earlier Friday, FOXNews.com posted an item purporting to contain quotations from Kerry. The item was based on a reporter's partial script that had been written in jest and should not have been posted or broadcast. We regret the error, which occurred because of fatigue and bad judgment, not malice."

How does an error occur because of fatigue and bad judgment?

Late Thursday night, the dialogue in the Fox newsmen must've gone something like this:

"They guys, it's late, I'm tired and we have a lot on the front page of our Web site. What should we do?"
"Let's just throw Carl's article on there. I haven't read it yet, but I'm sure it's good. He's our chief political correspondent."

"Ok then, let's get it done and go home."
Come to mind that this is Fox News we're talking about, not a parody news site such as the

Onion.
What I don't understand is how this went from an in-the-newsmen joke, to being published on the front page of Fox News Web site you can't accidentally publish a news article online. There had to be a number of people, including reporters, editors, copy editors, online editors and Web designers, who saw this article before it was published.

If you're an editor and one of your reporters turned in an article in which the Democratic presidential nominee was quoted as calling himself a metrosexual during a political rally following the Presidential debate, wouldn't you want to check that out?

It makes me wonder if there were any motives behind this news article. Was this just an honest mistake, or was it a feeble attempt by a supposed right-wing news organization to demean the Democratic presidential nominee?

If you don't get me wrong, I'm not bashing Fox News or any of its political affiliations. No, the

people I have a problem with are those who let this one slip by. Just weeks after Dan Rather and CBS received so much highly publicized attention for a report based on false documents, this journalistic tragedy occurs.

In some ways these two occurrences are comparable, and in some ways not. They are both the result of someone not doing their job, at least not doing an adequate job.

However, with the CBS mistake, something that was believed to be true was reported. In Fox News' case, something that was never close to the truth was reported as fact. Cameron knew this information was false.

This doesn't just make Fox News look bad — it makes the media look bad.

It doesn't matter if you're Republican, Democrat, Independent or any other political party, but a news organization should publish fact, not fiction.

I'm all for a good joke, but not one that misleads the public.

npr norse poll responses

Compiled by Mark Bennett

Who would you like to see next year's Alumni Lecture Series?



Garrett Worley
Senior, history/English
"I'd like to see Clinton or Jimmy Carter."



Chris Nicholson
Freshman, undeclared
"Tough question. Maybe another publisher."



Christy Weller
Sophomore, psychology
"I'd like to see Bill O'Reilly and Bush senior."



Jeff Beck
Freshman, criminal justice
"This year's loser candidate, Kerry, a former president from other parties or former vice presidents."



Arnie Monell
Sophomore, radio/television
"I want to see senior Bush or Bill O'Reilly."



Stacie Kiefer
Freshman, undeclared
"I'd say any former vice president or people actually in office now that have power to change things."

Debate n'ac no clear winner

Presidential candidates each show strengths, weaknesses in campaign

By STEVE FUNARO
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Winning a presidential debate doesn't always mean you did a better job than the other guy. That was the case in the first of this year's three debates. Over 62 million people watched the debate Sept. 30. The media said that Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., won the debate. I agree and disagree with them. All we need to explain.

Coming into this debate, polls showed President Bush was up

by 6 to 12 percentage points. He could have put John Kerry away at the debates, but he didn't. He stumbled and stuttered a bit (a lot) and didn't remove his opponent from the race. So in that regard, Kerry did win the debate.

To really judge a debate you need to discern what each candidate was hoping to accomplish coming into it. President Bush came into this hoping to solidify the image of his opponent as the wishy-washy, polychessing senator who failed to back up his statements with the actual plan for accomplishing

people that he is indeed the candidate best suited to lead this nation in a time of war. President Bush did an excellent job mentioning some of the weak positions that Kerry had on the war, but he failed to drive home the point on either of his executives. Mission failed.

Kerry came into this hoping to show everyone that he is strong on terrorism and that we need a global community to assist us in times of war. He did an excellent job getting his views out there but failed to back up his statements with the actual plan for accomplishing

them. A summit is not a plan, Mr. Kerry.

Neither candidate was able to get their objectives accomplished fully although they had plenty of chances. From Bush's stammering to Kerry's "global test," there were plenty of chances for both of them to win this debate hands down.

Although I must say that this is a tie, Kerry comes out on top because of the good press he will get from his friends in media. John Kerry didn't really win; he just survived. I guess if you are a liberal, you can call that a win.

Dark times for student rights

Radio show censorship at Occidental College raises questions about power

By Greg Lukianoff and
Will Creeley
(RRT)

Despite the uproar about the Federal Communications Commission's aggressive attempts to clean up America's airwaves, a shocking case of censorship that recently occurred in California has garnered precious little attention.

What makes this case even more distressing is that it originated in a medium where one would expect free speech to be sacrosanct: college radio.

Jason Antebi, a senior at Occidental College in Los Angeles, not only lost his job at the student radio station, but was also found guilty by campus officials of "sexual harassment" for the content of his radio show.

Antebi's show was one of the station's most popular, probably due, in part, to his acerbic parody and bawdy humor.
Antebi was an "equal opportunity offender." His targets ranged from Bill O'Reilly to Al Franken. Democrats to Jehovah's Witnesses, campus safety officers to space aliens. But this past March, after three years of broadcasting, Antebi was hastily fired.

Why?
Student leaders Antebi had mocked on-air filed sexual harassment complaints against him. Antebi called one a "bearded feminist" and the other, a male student, a "douche." Insults like these are hardly rare on college campuses

and (fortunately for satirists, commentators and comedians everywhere) fit well within the protections of free speech.

The complaining students claimed that Antebi's show promoted "disrespect and slander" against "women, diversity and Occidental College." Attempting to invoke the protection of federal civil rights law, the offended students sought to prove that Antebi's show created a "hostile environment" and "harassed" both them and his general audience in general.

Colleges have used federal harassment law as an excuse to punish protected expression for years. To stop this abuse, the Department of Education issued a letter last year explaining that federal law cannot be used to punish speech that is merely "offensive." With such a clear statement from the federal government, the case should have died quickly.

But instead, Occidental plowed ahead, even going so far as to claim that punishing his on-air antics was consistent with DOE policies. Despite the principled objections of the radio station's student management, whose policy ostensibly included such decisions, Antebi was fired by Occidental's Dean of Students.

Of far greater concern, in April, Occidental's Title IX officer ruled that Antebi's broadcast (from a station with a signal so weak that it doesn't even reach off campus) constituted sexual harassment against his audience.

From a legal standpoint, Occidental's justification of its actions is unsustainable. One can't be sexually discriminated against by a program mocking everyone, indiscriminately. Furthermore, how can someone be sexually harassed by a program they voluntarily tuned in to? (In this case the offended students reportedly had to have one of their friends tape the show so that they could be offended by it.) As the radio station's student director observed in her sagacious letter of protest to the Dean, the "beauty of radio is that when you don't like what you're listening to, you can turn the dial."

What makes Antebi's story even more compelling is Occidental's alarming actions after the complaints were filed. In March, Occidental's President referenced the incident involving Antebi to justify dissolving the school's student government, thereby absorbing nearly half a million dollars of student activity fees normally distributed by the student representatives. Without citing Antebi by name, President Ted Mitchell referred to "examples of abusive, intimidating, harassing behavior that have no place on our campus" that were "masquerading as open expression" to justify the dissolution.

Further, while the Foundation for the Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) came to Antebi's defense, they were informed that besides sexual harassment, Antebi was also suddenly being investigated for

telephone and e-mail harassment, vandalism, sexual harassment, and sexual assault charges. However, Antebi was never even charged by the campus judiciary in connection with any of these incidents.

FIRE concluded that this campaign of misrepresentations and false accusations was Occidental's desperate attempt to justify its outrageous actions post hoc and to dissuade groups like FIRE from defending Antebi. Fortunately, FIRE was not deterred and has protested Occidental's actions.

Antebi was allowed to graduate, but his campus conviction remained, and the student government is gone and Occidental is trying to ignore its abuse of law and the facts.

To let Occidental's actions stand would tolerate a burgeoning definition of harassment that could devastate broadcasters' and journalists' rights all across the country. Also, it signals to colleges that it's okay to abuse your students' rights and misrepresent facts when faced with righteous protest campaigns.

Finally, it declares that society has accepted that our colleges and universities are no longer places where young citizens enjoy the greatest expressive rights, but rather bastions of unfair and selective censorship.

Both the media and public need to fight these kind of abuses of power, before the new national crusade for propriety reduces too many of our society's nonconformists, critics and dissenters to silence.

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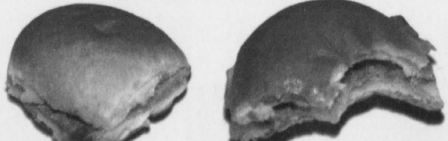
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Tom Letterio, 21, of upstate New York, chows down on a White Castle's burger in downtown St. Louis, Mo. Since its inception in the market in 1921, White Castle has become a favorite to burger lovers. Photo contributed by KRT CAMPUS

White Castle

For those late night runs or just for the food, it's become a burger-style cult classic



By JEFF DANIEL

Reporter
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — Nancy Lowe strolled into the White Castle in Maplewood, Mo., around 8:30 and ordered four cheeseburgers, fries and a large orange soda. Nothing like a nice, hot meal to top off a long, hard day.

Which might be true, except that Lowe was downing her belly busters at 8:30 in the morning. Bagel, schmegel. The time had come for some sunrise sliders.

"I'm usually here in the later hours," explained Lowe, 57, a resident of Little Rock, Ark. "But I had to try to fit a visit into my schedule."

The Washington University graduate was briefly in St. Louis to see friends, get a haircut — and make the regular pilgrimage to her beloved fast-food fortress.

Under normal circumstances, such a burger breakfast would come across as, well, odd. As would the ritualistic return visits. But White Castle has rarely been associated with normal. Make that normal as in mainstream. Normal as in conventional. One of the restaurant's famous promotional posters featured an oversized photo of a juicy hamburger with the jarring question: "White Castle for Breakfast? Why Not?"

At White Castle, you'll find romantics dining by candlelight on Valentine's Day. It is the burger joint, as you might have noticed, that has been getting

play as the final destination in the recently released stoner comedy "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle."

Considered the original fast-food chain, the franchise never bothered to go national, and only in recent decades did it opt for a major advertising campaign. The salad-bar craze came and went without ever crossing the White Castle moat. The place has long played by its own rules.

And the burgers? Small, square and steamed in onions — with holes mysteriously punched out of the meat patty. Then there are the restaurants themselves, stylistic holdovers from the days of whimsical, roadside architecture. His excellency the Burger King — if there really is such a person — doesn't flame-broil his wares in a medieval mansion. And that bobble-headed Jack guy? He doesn't sell burgers from a giant jack-in-the-box.

But a White Castle is exactly that — a white castle, a signature structure that only adds to the overall cult appeal.

Toss in the old-school, stripped-down menu and a reputation as a late-night pit stop, and it's easy to see why Harold and Kumar end up where they do rather than at a McDonald's or a Hardee's. Those other spots may be popular, and they may be tasty. But cult appeal? The Castle rules.

Not that cult appeal automatically equates to likeability. For some, White Castle is a unique place in that its very aroma can induce stomach-churning

revulsion. One person's castle is another's case of Klaustrophobia. The chain originated in Wichita, Kan., in 1921 and is headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. But St. Louis can stake claim as the first saturated market, with a White Castle restaurant opening there in 1925. There are now 392 stores.

Scarcity, as annoying as it is at times, has a way of driving up the cult factor. Which is exactly what keeps those such as Lowe coming back — to the point of downing cheeseburgers in the hours we normally associate with corn flakes and Krispy Kremes.

She finishes off her last bite and takes a sip of her orange soda, ready to head back out of town to her job in Little Rock. She's a preservationist there, a position that works well with the architecture degree she received from Washington University.

Lowe, one imagines, knows a good castle when she sees one.

A Burger by any Other Name
When you want a Big Mac, you ask for a Big Mac. Same with a Whopper, or a Jumbo Jack, or whatever other sandwich tickles your fast-food fancy.

Then there's the White Castle burger, the little square with more aliases than a cheap motel guest ledger. Rare is the customer who approaches the Castle counter and orders a simple, straight-ahead "hamburger." No fun in that.

Regulars instead rely upon a lexicon that ranges from pure

affection to gastro-intestinal critique: They'll order a Castle; a WC; a White Castle; a Whitey; a Slider; a greaser; and the all-time classic — the belly bomber.

Not quite sure how the home office in Columbus feels about those last two nicknames, but White Castle System Inc. has trademarked Slider.

If you're a crazed Castle-head who wants that name for your next-born child, you might want to seek legal advice.

In the Mix

Other spots might offer it if you ask, but White Castle has long been king of the mix. Just don't look for it on the menu.

For those who don't know, a "mix" is what develops when cola and orange soda find their way to the same cup.

Some will cringe at the thought. But for a number of White Castle regulars nothing works better than a mix when washing down an order of cheese fries.

Again, don't look for the concoction on the product board. Simply mention the code word "mix" and any Castle crew worth its salty fries will know where you're coming from.

"Oh, sure, we know what a mix is," answered several employees at the Maplewood location when quizzed. "We also know about the 'suicide,' which is a splash of just about everything we offer."

And that beverage, as might be imagined, hasn't made its way to the official menu either.



Photos and illustrations by Mike Brennan

campuscalendar

wednesday sunday

• From 2 to 3 p.m.
Joseph Kether will be
lecturing in Budig
Theatre about the
"Enclave of African
American artists in
Antebellum Cincinnati."

• Women's
Empowerment (WE)
meeting at 4 p.m.
in UC 107.

thursday

• In UC 300 there will be
a Collegiate National
Depression Screening.

• From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
the College of Business
Career Fair will be held
in the University Center.
• Latino Film "The Perez
Family" 7 to 10 p.m. in
Budig Theatre.

friday

• Last day for spring
2005 graduates to turn in
graduation paperwork.

• Challenge Testing from
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in UC
303. Contact Glenn
Strausbaugh at 572-5757

• The men's soccer team
play at Bellarmine at
1 p.m.

• The women's soccer
team at Bellarmine at
3:30 p.m.

• The volleyball team plays
Quincy at 3 p.m.
• The women's tennis team
competes in the GLVC
Championship.

sunday

• Seymour Lipkin will per-
form at Greaves Hall.
Student admission is \$10.

• Delta Gamma Powder
Puff flag football game
from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• The men's soccer team
plays at Kentucky Wesleyan
at 1 p.m.

• The women's soccer team
plays at Kentucky Wesleyan
at 3:30 p.m.

monday

• NKU Collegiate Alcohol
Awareness Week begins.
Student admission is \$10.
Contact Karen Bolte at 572-
6640.

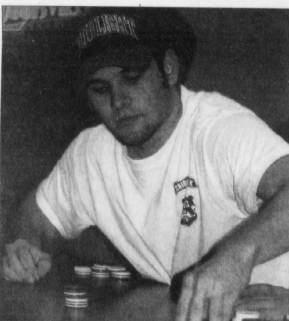
• Freshmen may access
their mid-term grades on
Norse Express.

tuesday

• Grad Finale '04 from 10
a.m. to 6 p.m. at the NKU
Bookstore.

• Talk on Tuesday at 12:15
p.m. in UC 108. A free
lunch will be provided.

To place an event contact Sarah Santos at 859-572-5859



Sarah Santos / Photographer

Jeff Jeremiah uses his poker face to help him finish second place.

Students put on their poker face

By SARAH SANTOS
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With poker faces in place and high hopes of winning the grand prize, students streamed into Norse Commons for the Texas Hold'em Poker tournament Oct. 3 and 4.

The event, planned by Residential Assistant Marty Koerzi, was an effort to raise donations for the Main Street Baptist Church Care Ministry annual canned food drive.

The atmosphere was tense, senior Pat Reynolds said, "everybody brought their poker face which made for a really great time."

Students enjoyed the event while it lasted, but at the end of the night the winner from each table was invited to play in the final game Monday.

Sunday night's seven winners Jeff Jeremiah, Drew Rushing, Jeff Cowens, Riskey Jones, Kristen Fibbe, Justin

Bishop and Kevin Miller met to play in the championship. The game played until only three competitors remained, and in the end Miller was awarded the Sony PlayStation 2. Jeremiah took second place, and Fibbe finished third.

Jeremiah received a full set of Poker chips and Miller left with a \$20 gift certificate to Applebee's. The University Housing Office donated the prizes.

Marty Koerzi said the event "was campus friendly because no money was actually involved, the only thing students were required to bring were two canned goods."

"It was all for charity, so it was pretty easy to organize." There were no major discrepancies in organizing the event, which ultimately brought together many students for two nights of social poker.

"Being an RA it's really hard to plan an event and get people to come," sophomore Derek Schaefer said, "so it was nice having so many residents attend."

FORCED INDUCTION

NKU's Campus Car Column

by Josh Blair

In America, it seems that nationalism is often pushed to the side for individualism.

Americans consider themselves a large number of individuals rather than a collective whole.

This can be found in many aspects of American culture, one of which is racing.

American racing fans root for their favorite racecar driver. They have clothing, collectibles, bumper stickers, posters and other items displaying their favorite racer's name and car number.

If you ever watch a race that's taking place in another country, you won't see that much.

What you will see is fans waving huge flags of their country, in support of the driver or drivers that come from their

hometown.

There's a sense of national pride among race fans in other countries.

Even the racecars themselves have the drivers' home country's flag next to their name listed on the window.

There's not as much of a sense of pride with racecar drivers in America. It's more of an "I like that guy" attitude. In most cases, Americans don't even support drivers from their home state or hometown.

There isn't much merit upon which they determine whom their favorite driver is.

One problem is that international sports aren't as popular in America as they are in other countries.

This is most apparent in auto racing, with soccer coming in at a close second.

NASCAR is by far the most popular type of auto racing in America, while circuits such as Formula One, World Rally Championship, 24 Hours of Le Mans and others are known only known by few.

times represented each person rather than merely their actions. The costumes were fitting because the play was written in the '30s. The youthful colors and design gave each character flare and a sense of fun.

Many of the women in the production braided their hair into pigtails, whereas the men sported a slicked, combed-over hairstyle.

Much of the clothing fit the actors tightly, as seen toward the end of the flapper era, matching that of the decade.

Although Billy was supposed to seem wiser and different than the other characters, the choice of a retro shirt and bellbottom pants placed her more in the '60s rather than the '30s.

After a difficulty with funding, the gang was unable to raise the money to stay off of the work farm.

Act two opened with a scene at the work farm, in which the set looked its best. With the backdrop of a field and a large open area for the actors, the simplicity of the few props could be seen.

Val (left), played by Roderick Justice, quickly falls in love with Billy (right), a rejected Hollywood actress, played by Sarah Peak, who hitchhiked across the country and ended up in Val's yard. Val's best friend, Marshall (center), played by John West, watches as the two sing about falling in love.

Photo contributed by NKU Department of Theatre

Performers deliver fun Depression era play has youthful, slapstick atmosphere

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Opening season for the Department of Theatre and Dance began with a youthful performance of Babes in Arms. With the coordination of director Mark Hardy, musical director Jamey Strawn and choreographer Alfred Dove the first production of the season was a hit for both students and community members.

Students played the teenagers of Seaver, N.Y. who faced the work farm after their parents joined the dying art of vaudeville.

In the beginning the main character Val, played by Roderick Justice, was pointing about being left behind by his parents.

His good friend Marshall, played by John West, came over after bidding his parents farewell as they also left for the vaudeville.

The two devised a plan to live together to save money while their parents are gone. While Marshall was packing his belongings, the audience was introduced to the lead female character, Billy, played by Sarah Peak.

The rejected Hollywood actress hitchhiked across the country and landed in Val's yard. The meeting of the two was a bit unbelievable. She walked into Val's house and is instantly smitten by the timid young man.

After knowing each other for just five minutes, the two had already kissed. The two characters had wonderful chemistry but it could not save the script of this scene.

As Marshall came back to see Val, he brought the town sheriff

with him, played by Dave Hemmessey.

The youth were informed that because their parents had left, they stay at a work farm. Needless to say the idea didn't settle well with the teenagers, also known as "the gang."

Not long after news had spread, the gang entered. This is the best part of the production. Not only are the other characters introduced here, but it also sets the mood for the rest of the act.

The actors rode scooters, jumped rope and even entered on a giant swing while singing. The direction in this act was well thought out and captivated the audience.

The degree of in-depth direction is evident with the character interaction. This can be seen in the relationship between Val and Billy, and also with Dolores, played by Megan Osborne, and Gus, played by Sarah Peak.

These two characters have an on-again, off-again relationship.

It is obvious the duo is in love, but the wandering eyes of Dolores and the fighting spirit of Gus make it near impossible for a real relationship.

In the song "I Wish I Were in Love Again," the two have a flirty song together reflecting on their feelings.

After the initial introduction of the gang, as a whole and some individually, they decide not to go to the work farm.

With the leadership of Val, the group formed a plan to perform a variety show to raise money.

Costumes in this area of the play were important. During the entrance of the gang, the audience could see the personality of each character, so the dialogue continued the cus-

sees until the actors were prepared to use it. The actors interacted more with this act allowing for the audience to be engaged as well.

The combination of character interaction, fun costumes and a working model this performance very enjoyable.

The ending of the play left much to be desired. With the surprise appearance of a French pilot, played by Warren Bryson, the gang was able to perform their show by his donations.

The parents of the gang came back to town and everyone lived happily ever after.

During the era of this play the nation was dealing with the Great Depression.

The audience of the time wanted to watch something entertaining and to take their mind off the struggles around them - thus the reason behind such a slapstick humor-filled play.

Tickets are on sale in the box office from 12 to 4 p.m. Student tickets are \$6. The play runs until Oct. 10.

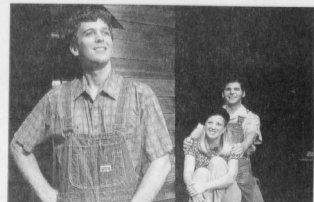


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The three friends hope find a better life outside of the work farm.

American racing lacks pride

International race fans show nationalism not found in American racing

If international racing does gain popularity in America, then hopefully a sense of pride will increase among its fans.

E-mail questions to Josh at blairj10@nku.edu

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Animated film a treat for all ages

By CRYSTAL SMITH
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In "Shark Tale," the main character Oscar (played by Will Smith) is an energetic little fish with a bad habit of getting into trouble.

Although he seems to land himself in hot water, his best friend (Rene Zellweger) offers her loving advice and even though he frustrates her, she has feelings for Oscar that go beyond a friendship.

Oscar is oblivious to Angie's feelings towards him because he is love-struck by the curvaceous Lola (Angelina Jolie), who initially rejected Oscar that got beyond a friendship.

Lenny (Jack Black) is a great white shark who has trouble dealing with a huge secret: he's a vegetarian. Lenny feels ashamed that he can't live up to

the strict expectations of his carnivorous brothers and his mob boss father, Lino (Robert DeNiro).

The story unfolds as a little white lie makes Oscar appear to be a hero. Lenny becomes an outcast with nowhere to go.

When Lenny discovers the truth about Oscar, he decides to help keep his secret. Oscar and Lenny become an odd-couple pair of friends and are bound by one falsehood, which has created a whirlwind of media exposure.

Lenny and Oscar find themselves in a situation where they must keep this sham going for their own good.

Of course, the truth comes out and Oscar has to learn to learn that sometimes the things that people look for in their lives are right before their eyes.

He soon realizes what a treasure Angie is.

Lenny's father learns that being a



Photo contributed by DreamWorks

Oscar is a fish that has a habit of getting into trouble, which is sometimes the result of becoming infatuated with a female.

family is more important than judging someone's preferences.

Throughout this adventure, there are many lessons to learn about love, honesty and friendship.

This movie was funny, exciting, inspiring and enlightening. It is a

must-see for children, and can even be enjoyed by parents as well.

People of all ages will get a kick out of the quirky story set in an aquatic replica of New York City.

It is complete with an all-star cast, celebrity cameo appearances (with

stars such as Missy Elliott and Christina Aguilera) and unmistakable references to popular culture.

There are also many references to hip-hop and urban culture, which sets this movie apart from many other animated films.

Media

 Blitz

Pig Destroyer
Terrifier

Cover your ears; Pig Destroyer has a new album.
 Terrifier is loud and angry with an occasional breakdown for those who like to bang their heads. The vocals are just as distorted as the guitars and if they played any faster they'd go back in time.
 Pig Destroyer blasts out a blend of thrash, grind and metal that doesn't stop to take a breath for 32 minutes.
 (Relapse Records)
 -Josh Blair
 Cover artwork courtesy of Relapse Records.

Adam Strange
Issue One

Adam Strange's life just became much worse. His adopted home planet Rann, along with his family, and his apartment complex on Earth blew up.
 In addition to that, police are questioning him in the apartment's explosion.
 After escaping from the police, Strange faces a bigger problem: aliens searching for answers about Rann's explosion attack him.
 This first issue has the action, emotion, storytelling and dialogue that are only found in great comics books.
 Adam Strange could potentially be one of the best new series of the year.
 -Josh Blair
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Sports Scene

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GLB post-season begins

October is upon us, and in the sports world, that means one thing: baseball is on the center stage. It is probably the one time in the United States that the NFL takes a backseat to any sport. The playoffs that are about to kick off contain plenty of intrigue and storylines to follow as eight teams battle to make it to the World Series.

The divisional and wildcard races going into the final weeks of the season were nothing short of exceptional and served to set the stage for the battles to come. Anybody who follows the sport was glued to the television to follow the collapse of the Cubs, the Giants battling for a spot in the playoffs, Steve Finley's heroics for the Dodgers and the shootout for the American League West title.

Now that the teams have been set in each league, the intrigue is just beginning. After the Astros beat Schilling and put their underachieving ways behind them, they will face the perennial postseason team of the Braves. Roger Clemens will play the role of the old-west gunslinger who returned home with something to prove as he tries to lead Houston to the World Series, a feat many would have thought unthinkable two months ago.

Playing in the other bracket in the National League will be the Cardinals, who boast a "Murderer's Row-esque" lineup and the Dodgers. The Cardinals starting pitching is suspect, and if the Dodgers can stay close on offense and get to closer extraordinaire Eric Gagne, Los Angeles could turn some heads.

In the American League the Red Sox and Angels will face off. Boston's Curt Schilling-Pedro Martinez pitching combination is nightmarish for any team to face, and it will be interesting to see if Anaheim's big offseason spending can pan out and defeat the favorites from New England.

Rounding out the playoff scene are the Yankees. The series features battles of opposites: the Yankees have a seemingly unlimited payroll facing off against the small budget Twins. Minnesota has a superb pitching staff, and could possibly give the Yankees and their all star lineup problems.

Looking past the first round matchups, there are big possible stories in deeper into the playoffs. The one series that seems to be destined to happen features the Yankees and Red Sox again. The greatest rivalry in sports is awaiting the baseball world in the second round of the AL playoffs, and this season could be the Red Sox year to defeat the Yankees.

If the Yankees make the Series there's a possibility of facing Clemens, their former ace.

The Yankees-Cardinals would be sure to provide an offensive explosion, with both teams featuring all stars at nearly every position.

The World Series is one of the oldest sporting events in the United States and also one of the most prestigious. The whole sporting world's attention will be fixed on the annual fall spectacular, and this season's finale shouldn't disappoint.

By AARON STAMM

Reporter

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The Northern Kentucky University men's soccer team took a step closer to advancing to the GLVC Tournament Oct. 1 with a 1-0 victory over Southern Indiana University Friday.

With the win, the team snapped a short two game losing streak.

The GLVC only takes the top six teams for their conference tournament. With the victory, NKU stands in sixth place with 2-2-1 record and 7-3-2 overall.

Head Coach John Basalyga was happy with his team's effort. "We did what we had to do to win. Every win in the conference is a big win for us in trying to get into the tournament."

Senior goalie Nate Madden picked up his eighth shutout of the season, collecting four saves in the contest.

"It was an ugly win for us. We had some key players out of the line-up and our guys pulled together and played hard," said Madden.

The team played without Freshman defenseman Andy Bacon who sat out the game with a concussion suffered in the Southern Illinois University match at Edwardsville last week.

"We were beat up tonight but that is no excuse. Our kids pulled together and played hard tonight," said Basalyga.

The match was scoreless in the second half when freshman midfielder Chris Thompson chased down a ball at midfield, beat the Eagles defense, and

scored the winning goal. It was his third goal of the season.

"We had a counter attack going and the middle was wide open. It came down to one on one with goalie and I was able to score," said Thompson.

It was, once again, the NKU defense that stole the show. The Eagles had a 11-4 shot advantage on the Norse, but strong performances by the back line led by junior David Lies and Madden held them in check.

"Our defense was solid tonight. We are still working on our offense to get to 1-1 look for good things in the future from our offense," said Thompson.

The team now goes on the road trip for the most important road trip of the season.

They play three key conference games with Bellarmine, Kentucky Wesleyan and Indianapolis. They wrap up the trip with a non-conference game with Truman State.

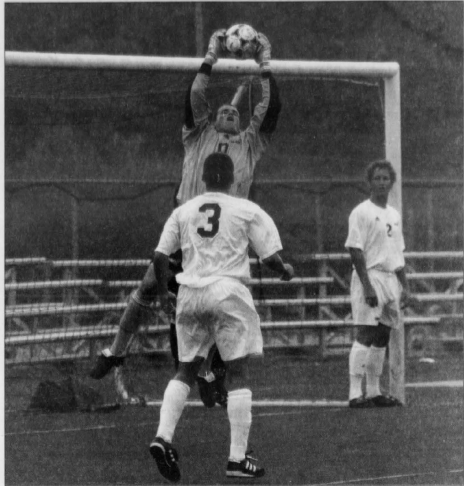
"We are doing a great job of winning at home," said Basalyga. "We have to establish a mindset that we can win on the road. We just have to stay focused and concentrate on what we are doing and we will fine."

"Every conference game is important from top to bottom. We have to be ready to play each game," said Madden.

Chris Thompson scored two goals Sunday to lead the team

"We are doing a great job of winning at home."

John Basalyga, head coach



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Goalie Nate Madden makes a jumping save against Southern Indiana University.

to a 3-1 victory against the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Kyle Roberts also added a goal for NKU, which improved to 8-2-2 overall, 3-2-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Thompson opened the scoring for NKU at the 30:56 mark when he took a lead pass from

Randy Walters and beat Missouri-St. Louis goalie Adam Balbi. NKU increased the lead to 2-0 at the 43:23 mark after Thompson stole the ball and finished with a shot from 18 yards that found the back of the net.

Thompson, a redshirt freshman, now has a team-leading five goals this season.

Roberts iced the victory at the 71:13 mark with a 14-yard shot that landed in the upper right corner of the net. Jonathan Market, however, ended NKU's streak of shutouts at home when he fired in a shot at the 82:08 mark.

Market's goal was the first allowed at home by the NKU defense in nine games this fall.

Women's soccer bounces back

Win two straight games one week after 60-game conference winning streak ended

By CHRIS ASBROCK

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Jesse Thomas scored her first collegiate goals as the Norse women's soccer team dismantled Southern Indiana with a 7-0 win Friday night, improving the Norse record to 7-3 (4-1 GLVC).

The Norse bounced back from a defeat on Sunday, outshooting Southern Indiana 6-2 in the first half and 20-5 overall.

At the 5:31 mark of the first half Sophomore Any Law took a pass from Michelle Kelly and Jayme Light, then put the ball past Southern Indiana goalie Casey Horvath.

Around the 34 minute mark of the first half Kristen Lies put the game out of reach with another goal. The Norse continued to show why they have one of the best defensive units in the conference, by shutting down Southern Indiana.

"We know that if we can get a lead, we can shut down the other team," said Senior defender Robyn Withers.

At the of the first half the Norse were up 2-0. When the second half started the Norse showed no mercy as they scored five more goals and outshot Southern Indiana 14-3.

"This was a great game to be a part of," said sophomore Krista Rogers. "We showed the rest of the conference that we are not out of it."

The Norse dominated play throughout the game, aided by Norse goalie Lauren Piening. Piening made five saves as she recorded her sixth shutout of the season.

"Last year we beat them 1-0, so this was a statement game for us," said Shirley Ernst.

The team defeated the University of Missouri-St. Louis 2-0 on Sunday, with Kristen Votaepk assisting on a goal and scoring another on a breakaway.

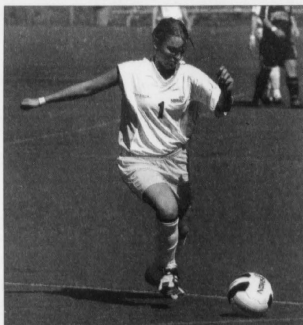
Piening recorded the shutout

and had one save as NKU improved to 8-3 overall, 5-1 in the GLVC. The Norse also handed Missouri-St. Louis 18-4-1 overall, 3-1-1 in the GLVC its first conference loss and defeated the Rivermen for the 11th straight time.

Missouri-St. Louis has not beaten NKU since the 1997 season.

NKU struck early in the second half when Votaepk dribbled past the Missouri-St. Louis defense on the right side and crossed to Light in front of the net. Light finished the play with her fourth goal of the season to give the Norse a 1-0 lead at the 49:14 mark.

Votaepk sealed the win for NKU at the 68:42 mark when she took a pass from Kristen Lies and beat Missouri-St. Louis goalie Danielle Troha with a breakaway goal for a 2-0 advantage. Votaepk's shot came from 12 yards and gave the junior forward four goals this season.



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Jayme Light scored a goal in each game over the weekend.

Women's tennis sees two home wins

Defeats GLVC opponents, builds momentum heading into conference tournament as champions

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. -

The Northern Kentucky University women's tennis team posted a 7-2 win over Bellarmine University at the NKU tennis courts on Tuesday. The Norse won two of the three contests in doubles competition.

NKU wrapped up the match by taking five wins in singles play.

Kari Goodrich and Jessica Smith teamed up for an 8-2 victory in No. 2 doubles, while Clara Dorado and Courtney Myers combined for an 8-6 win in No. 3 doubles.

Myers later claimed a 1-6, 6-1, 6-2 victory at No. 6 singles over Jade Best.

Lindsay England, Goodrich, Dorado and Smith also collected wins in singles play as NKU improved to 5-2 overall, 5-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The team posted a 9-0 win over Saint Joseph's College Saturday.

Laura Leutzing picked up a win at No. 1 singles with a 6-1, 6-1 decision over Missy Bachani. Leutzing also teamed with Lindsay England in No. 1 doubles for an 8-1 vic-

tory over Bachani and Holly Berner.

England added a 6-2, 6-2 win over Christie Van Eyk at No. 2 singles as NKU improved to 6-3 overall, 6-3 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. NKU will play at the GLVC Tournament next Friday and Saturday at Indianapolis, Ind.

The Norse are the defending champions of that event, and NKU has captured the GLVC Tournament title five times during the past six years.

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Laura Leutzing picked up wins in singles and doubles action.

hotseat



With John Rasp

In this week's Hot Seat, John interviews junior soccer player Kristen Votapek, who transferred to NKU from Mount Vernon Nazarene and currently leads the team in total points.

John Rasp: How did you end up at NKU?
Kristen Votapek: I wanted to come closer to home so my parents could watch me play. I also wanted more competition than NANA, where I played the two previous years.

JR: Do you have any superstitions?

KV: I have a lot actually. I listen to the same CD before every game with the same songs in the same order. I always pray before the game. Also, me and Amy Martini always cross arms and spit before games.

JR: What CD do you listen to?
KV: It's Shedaisy (country). I started it my freshman year. I really didn't pick that but it kind of grew on me. It's not really of pump up music.

JR: Last year, NKU had two games that got down to penalty kicks. If one came down to them this year, do you want to take one?
KV: Yeah I would like to take one. When I was in high school, I also had to take one.

JR: Does talking trash occur between soccer players?
KV: Yeah, I guess when it gets rough it does happen. I try to keep my composure. I'd much rather score and show them that we are better than to talk trash.

JR: What is the hardest thing about being a transfer?
KV: Probably that I'm a junior instead of being a freshman. They see me a new player and not someone that they can look up to as much as if I were a returning junior.

JR: When you are close to receiving a card, what kind of things do you like to say to the referee to prevent them from giving you one?

KV: When I received mine, I went to the referee and showed him how the girl was pulling my arm on his arm. I guess I could have gotten a red card for touching the referee, but I did get the yellow. The main thing we try to do is to blame it on the other player. I wasn't starting it, but retaliating when I got my card.

JR: What kind of personal goals that you've set for this year?
KV: I just want to score, and I haven't really scored that much yet. I feel like my job is done on the field when I score.

JR: If you weren't playing soccer, what sport would you play?
KV: Track.



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Kristen Votapek leads the Norse with 11 points this season.

Madden sees unity

Senior goalkeeper is proud of accomplishments

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Northern Kentucky University's men's soccer goalie Nate Madden has seen a lot of changes to the soccer program in his four years with the Norse.

"When I came here as a freshman, everybody just showed up and didn't really care about the team," Madden said.

"Now, as a senior, I think there is a lot of team unity."

The soccer team has gone from being a rebuilding project to recently becoming one of the teams to earn a spot in the Division II men's soccer top 25 poll, complete with second-year head coach John Basalyga. "I definitely feel a lot closer

to the guys than I did when I was a freshman," Madden said.

In 12 games so far this season, Madden has compiled eight shutouts. His record currently stands at 8-2-2.

The most memorable shutout in Madden's record is the 1-0 victory that Madden recorded against Findlay University back in August.

It was the second straight season that the Norse defeated Findlay, a team that made it to the Division II Final Four one season ago.

"Some of the things I want to accomplish this season is to do well in the GLVC tournament, and hopefully set the shutout and lowest goals against average record," Madden said.

The most saves Madden has recorded during a game was on Sept. 21 when he made nine saves in the victory over then

ninth ranked Mercyhurst College (Pa.).

"It was nice to be in the Division II soccer poll, because I never have been on a team that was ranked, but it's really just an early season indicator," said Madden.

"But it was a nice change to go from a team that finished last year 4-9-3 to a team that's ranked in the top 25."

The Norse men's soccer team began a full slate of games against GLVC competitors this past weekend, starting with the University of Southern Indiana. The Norse won't face another non-conference opponent until Oct. 17 when they play Truman State.

"Right now we're just taking it one game at a time," Madden said.

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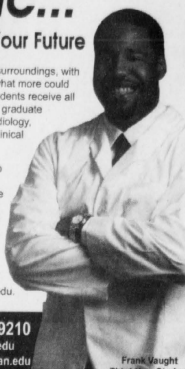
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horoscopes

For the week of Oct. 4-10

By Lasha Senuik, Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service (KRT)

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Over the next few days, a friend may challenge your opinions or romantic choices. Remain philosophic and wait for progress. After midweek, minor jealousies between friends and group irritations will quickly vanish. Use this time to bring clarity to strained relationships. Late Friday, loved ones demand your undivided attention. In the coming weeks, expect family obligations to greatly expand. Friday through Sunday, rest and pamper the body. Emotional vitality may be low.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20)

Monday through Thursday, romantic intentions are unavoidable. Expect potential lovers to express previously withheld feelings or ask for added social attention. Stay focused on short-term promises. At present, friends and lovers may need concrete deadlines. Over the next few weeks, new relationships will rapidly expand. Plan carefully and expect passionate overtures for your loyalty. Late Sunday, news from a distant relative may arrive. Respond with sincere affection.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Before midweek, minor physical ailments may be bothersome. Pay special attention to muscle strain, joint pain and dental irritations. Some Gemini will also experience vivid dreams or a new awareness of delicate family decisions. Sudden impressions may reveal a private romantic history. Remain attentive to quick intuitions or subtle comments. Friday through Sunday also highlight sibling relationships, news from older relatives and vital home changes. Stay alert.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Loved ones may ask probing questions or expect unexpected statements of affection. Recent social or family triangles require patience and diplomacy. Stay focused on short-term solutions and expect public debate to provide revised home options. After Wednesday, a close friend or relative may reveal controversial career plans or business changes. If so, detailed financial discussions and complex employment decisions may be needed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Complicated workplace duties will disrupt daily routines. After Tuesday, pay special attention to the private mistakes of younger colleagues. Written documents or financial calculations may need verification. Don't neglect small tasks. Over the next few weeks, key officials are evaluating your efforts. Wednesday through Saturday, a long-term relationship may become strained. Rare social flirtations or past obligations are accented. Remain cautious.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Improved job strategies or new educational programs will trigger intense discussion. Friends and colleagues will encourage business creativity and increased skills. Don't hold back. This is a strong time for career planning, public debate and rekindled ambition. After Wednesday, a new friendship may bring unusual group options into your life. Exotic travel, artistic expression and shared romantic dreams are accented. Pace yourself. There's much to be learned.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Fitness, sexuality and emotional health are highlighted. Many Librans will avoid physical ailments or romantic disappointments to fade into the past. Use this time to explore unique attractions or issue rare social invitations. Passionate and lasting relationships should be the goal. Remain dedicated to your own ideals and expectations. Later this week, loved ones will offer group support and fresh options. Remain receptive to hold family comments and new advice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

A surprising romantic invitation may arrive without warning. Before midweek, old lovers, forgotten friends or emotionally distant colleagues may ask for greater involvement in your private life. New relationships are potentially rewarding. Remain attentive and cautiously explore sincere proposals. Wednesday through Saturday, a close relative may reveal unexpected debts or financial problems. Avoid involvement. A distant but cheerful attitude will offer the best results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Work schedules will require careful planning. Late Tuesday, loved ones may ask for added family dedication or renewed home commitments. Remain attentive to the needs of close friends and relatives. Before mid-September, business obligations, although draining, will prove manageable. Friday through Sunday, a long-term relationship may dramatically deepen. New promises, shared living arrangements or revised home expectations are featured. Stay balanced.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Over the next few days, encourage shared duties and revised family schedules. Before Thursday, someone close may feel misunderstood or undervalued. Don't hesitate to provide practical solutions. At present, action is needed before empathy. Late Thursday, a sudden business inspiration may also arrive. In the coming weeks, unusual career opportunities will demand consistent research and unwavering dedication. Find positive ways to nurture growth.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Delayed job or financial applications require your full attention. Before the end of October, official paperwork, completed documents and legal contracts will work to your advantage. Respond quickly to unique permissions and new proposals. Key officials and older colleagues will soon provide remarkable opportunities. Wednesday through Saturday, a sudden romantic triangle requires resolution. Offer clear indications of your loyalties. Honesty will prove vital.

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